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THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) A statement [a]—Statement No. 1, furnishing information regarding the total export value of groundnut trade of this Province is laid on the table of the House. Beyond the land revenue which is not special to groundnut, neither the Central Government nor the Provincial Government derive any income by the cultivation or export of groundnut. The Government have established an agricultural Research Station at Tindivanam to carry out researches in regard to the improvement of groundnut crop. The average expenditure on such research work including the proportionate cost of the Oil-seeds Section at Coimbatore is estimated at Rs. 24,350 per annum. Experiments are also carried out at other Agricultural Research Stations in the Province.

" The Marketing Section has carried out a marketing survey of groundnut among other commodities. The non-credit inspectors of the Co-operative department assist sale societies which deal in groundnut in Vizagapatam, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and Madura districts. It is not possible to estimate the proportionate cost of these items of work.

" (b) A statement [b]—Statement No. II, showing the total quantity of groundnut-oil exported since 1932 and the places of its destination is laid on the table of the House. No exact figures of the annual inland consumption of groundnut-oil are available. The local consumption may roughly be estimated at 148,450 tons annually."

Groundnut and articles having imperial preference.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether groundnut is an article coming within the range of imperial preferences?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

Groundnut cake business in the presidency.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what the total value of groundnut cake export trade of the Madras Presidency is since 1932; what the places of destination and quantities destined are; what the total inland consumption is; what the total requirement for inland consumption is?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Two statements [b] are laid on the table, one furnishing information regarding the total value of groundnut cake exported by the sea and the other showing the destination of these exports. Information relating to coastwise exports and exports by rail is not available.

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a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 78–79 infra.

b Printed as Appendix V on pages 79–80 infra.